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USING THE NANOWIRES, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE NANONETWORK,
CARBON STRUCTURE USING THE NANOWIRE, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE
USING THE NANOWIRE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6 and 10-12 as follows:

a1 6. (Amended) The nanowire according to claim 1, wherein the functional layer has semiconductor properties.

10. (Amended) The nanowire according to claim 1, wherein a predetermined material is incorporated into a hollow tubular portion of the carbon nanotube forming the core portion.

a2 11. (Amended) The nanowire according to claim 1, wherein the carbon nanotube forming the core portion has a structure showing semiconductor properties.